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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CI, SHUM, MASS, ECON

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR TRUCCO'S CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
SHLAUDEMAN

1. TRUCCO CAME IN AUGUST 26 ON INSTRUCTIONS TO EXPRESS  
THE GOC'S EXTREME CONCERN OVER REPORTS THAT THE PERUVIANS  
ARE BUYING SOVIET AIRCRAFT. HE REFERRED TO THE NYT  
ARTICLE OF AUGUST 12 AND SAID THIS PURCHASE WOULD MAKE  
THE EXISTING ARMS IMBALANCE MORE ACUTE AS WELL AS INSTAL-  
LING A SOVIET "INFRASTRUCTURE" IN PERU. TRUCCO INDICATED  
THAT HE WOULD BE ASKING FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE  
SECRETARY TO CONVEY THE GOC'S ALARM.

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2. SHLAUDEMAN SAID WE COULD NOT CONFIRM THAT THE

SOVIET SALE HAS BEEN MADE BUT WOULD, OF COURSE, BE CONCERNED BY SUCH A DEVELOPMENT. HE NOTED FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA HUENTE'S STATEMENT ON SOLICITING "BIDS" FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES FOR AIRCRAFT AND CONFIRMED THAT WE HAD DISCUSSED POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT ACQUISITIONS WITH THE PERUVIANS. SHLAUDEMAN ASKED IF THE CHILEANS MIGHT NOT WANT TO RAISE THE ISSUE DIRECTLY WITH THE PERUVIANS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE TALKS ON ARMS LIMITATIONS.

3. TRUCCO RESPONDED WITH A LENGTHY REVIEW OF THESE TALKS AND THE RELATED DISCUSSIONS ON BOLIVIA'S OUTLET TO THE SEA. HE ACCUSED THE PERUVIANS OF STALLING ON BOTH CASES. THE SOVIETS ARE EGGING THE PERUVIANS ON. THEY WANT TO GET CHILE INTO AN ARMS RACE WHICH CHILE CANNOT REALLY AFFORD. TRUCCO CLAIMED THAT THE GOP HAD RECENTLY NEGOTIATED ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENTS WITH COLOMBIA AND ECUADOR. PERU'S EFFORTS ARE ALL DIRECTED AGAINST CHILE.

4. TRUCCO ALSO LEFT A LIST OF REQUESTED ACTIONS ON PENDING MILITARY PURCHASES WHICH WE WILL COVER IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE.

5. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON ANY ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN PERU AND COLOMBIA OR ECUADOR. ON THE CONTRARY, ECUADOR HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE IMPROVED HAWK MISSILE SYSTEM BECAUSE OF THE GOE'S CONCERN ABOUT PERUVIAN ARMS PURCHASES. ADDRESSEES SHOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES TO SUGGEST THAT THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION GET INTO SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON ARMS LIMITATIONS. WE BELIEVE THE CHILEANS AND PERU'S OTHER NEIGHBORS COULD USEFULLY EXPRESS THEIR JUSTIFIED ALARM TO THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS TO US. ANY THOUGHTS THE POSTS MAY HAVE ON THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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